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## SPOT COMMENTARY: Poland

The Polish government has declared a state of emergency placing the country under military control. The events reported so far are consistent with our understanding of government plans for initiating a sweeping martial law program. [REDACTED]

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At about midnight Warsaw time this evening, helmeted riot police and army troops cordoned off and occupied the Warsaw headquarters of Solidarity, and arrested several union activists in the building. The family of a top Solidarity official said that he was arrested in his apartment in Warsaw. Press reports from Solidarity sources indicate that union activists throughout the country are being arrested. [REDACTED]

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Communications in and out of Warsaw, including those of Western press services, have been cut. The State radio and television have not mentioned the police actions. No information has been received from Gdansk where some 100 leaders of Solidarity apparently were meeting at the Lenin shipyard at the time of the police action.

Events in Warsaw are part of a wider move. Solidarity officials earlier told reporters of unusual troop and police movements throughout Poland. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] The entire Warsaw flight information region is closed. Word will spread quickly and we would expect crowds to gather in Polish cities in protest. In this tense atmosphere worker violence against party headquarters becomes much more likely. Some workers will also probably try to occupy their factories. Violence could easily result if the police try to prevent this. [REDACTED]

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We have no indication that Soviet forces are being prepared for a move into Poland. [REDACTED]  
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